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DRAFT - Para 17 I. Middle East

8 1. Tension in the Middle East has been significantly
9 heightened because of the unified Arab decision to support
10 the Palestinian Liberation Organization's involvement in
11 future negotiations. Tel Aviv is adamantly opposed to Pal-
12 estinian participation and the Arabs are apprehensive that
13 Israel may resort to military action to strengthen its ne-
14 gotiating position. If current diplomatic efforts fail,
15 the risk of renewed fighting, especially on the Golan Heights,
16 will be sharply increased. While each side is upgrading its
17 capabilities to detect and deter any surprise military action
18 by the other, either could launch a large-scale offensive with
19 little or no advance warning.

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PROPOSED REVISIONSDIA

Revision of para 1: Tension in the Middle East has been significantly heightened because of the unified Arab decision to designate the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the Palestinian people's representative in future negotiations. Tel Aviv is adamantly opposed to PLO participation in any negotiations. Both sides are apprehensive that the other may resort to military action. If current diplomatic efforts fail, there is a high risk that hostilities will occur, especially on the Golan Heights. While each side is upgrading its capabilities to detect and deter any surprise military action by the other, either could launch a large-scale offensive with little or no advance warning.

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Revision of para 1: Tension in the Middle East has been significantly heightened. Tel Aviv is adamantly opposed to PLO involvement in negotiations, and the Arabs are apprehensive that Israel may resort to military action. If the current diplomatic impasse is not resolved, the risk of renewed fighting, especially on the Golan Heights, will be sharply increased. Each side continues to prepare for another war and could launch a large-scale offensive with little or no advance warning.

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Concurs with the CIA revision of para 1 with the following amendment: "Tel Aviv is adamantly opposed to negotiations with the PLO and the Arabs etc."

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DRAFT - Para 2 - Middle East

20 2. The fighting between the Iraqi Army and the Kurdish reb-
21 els continued at a heightened pace during the week. The Ira-
22 qis have made some territorial gains in the northern sector
23 of the Kurdistan front where key terrain northeast of Rawanduz
24 was taken. [REDACTED] the Kurds have suffered
25 significant casualties and they are experiencing morale
26 and leadership problems. Further deterioration in the reb-
27 el position and a greater commitment of Iranian support to
28 the Kurds on Iraqi territory increases the possibility of
29 a direct clash between Iraqi and Iranian forces in the bor-
30 der area. [REDACTED]

PROPOSED REVISIONS

DIA 21 Place (.) after "pace" and delete "during the week."

CIA 21-26 Delete 2d and 3d sentences and insert Winter weather has not
yet settled into the area and Baghdad reportedly intends to
press the war in an all out effort to achieve a military
solution to the Kurdish rebellion.

28 Change "increases" to increase

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DRAFT - Para 3

31 II. USSR-Eastern Europe

32 3. We see no indications of hostile intent in the mili-
33 tary activity of the USSR or other Warsaw Pact nations.
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DRAFT - Para 4

35 III. Southeast Asia

36 4. In South Vietnam, despite the Communist call for
37 "massive" demonstrations during National Day celebrations,
38 the anniversary passed without serious incident. We expect
39 the generally low level of military action to continue for
40 the immediate future, with the more significant fighting in
41 Military Region 1. [REDACTED]

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PROPOSED REVISIONS

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- Revise para to read:
4. In South Vietnam, we expect the generally low level
of military action to continue for the immediate future,
with the more significant fighting in Military Region 1.

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[REDACTED]

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1 The Committee concludes that there will be
2 no military attack on the United States or
3 its overseas forces in the near future.
4 Subjects of immediate concern are discussed
5 below.
6 [REDACTED]

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